

one good solid reason outside of the school administration Omaha districts, why we should kill this bill of Senator Chambers. So my main reason for supporting Senator Chambers is we must have less apathy in our schools in Omaha but by doing that I hope that some day you will divide this Omaha school district into 5 or 10 districts.

SPEAKER: From Omaha at large, Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Mr. President, I'm also a part of the Mahoney machine. I think that we ought to get back to the bill, now what did the bill say? It said number one that they are going to create 12 districts, based upon population and being and who does that? The County Commissioner, it doesn't say how he has to do it, he is going to do it any way he wants too. It has no reference to the blacks or anyone else this is something that has no place here. This is just one thing to give representation district wise like we are here representing a certain district where the people have a right to go to us to attempt to have us do what they think we ought to do. Now I dare say that if this thing were reversed and we were going to elect this body at large, there wouldn't be very many votes here to do it. Now I would have no objections to it other than it may be adverse, because everybody has an opinion on Carpenter. When you take a vote like Syas, Syas would not be re-elected in my judgement, not because of ability but because of lack of any identification name-wise. So I think that we have to look at the bill as is, it does what 12 school districts and who makes the districts? The Commissioner of elections. It has no reference to color or anything else. Now I will take my town of Scottsbluff. We do the same thing in Scottsbluff at large, but I don't want to get involved with this bill with the bill that I ought to be introducing also. Because the conditions are the same except on a smaller area. This going to give representation to people. Lets take South Omaha. As I recall, and I could be wrong, that they have not have for some time a member of the Omaha school board. If the blacks are slighted so are the people in south Omaha. Now who can say that the people in south Omaha shouldn't have representation on the school board. Obviously in the area down there that happens to be composed, maybe more than one of south Omaha. But then the people know where they can go to complain. They are getting more accustomed to complain every day and this body better recognize that fact of life. This is a pure bill of democracy. It does nothing except 12 districts upon the judgment of the County Commissioner, he is the one that is going to have to make up the districts. We only give the broad outline.

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How can you vote against a bill like this?

SPEAKER: Last light I have up here, Senator Fred Carstens.

SENATOR F. CARSTENS: Mr. Speaker I would like to ask Senator Chambers if he would yield. Senator Chambers, what is the situation in the schools in Omaha if you know comparatively as far as text books, supplies and materials are concerned available to the students and what you refer to as your area, the black area and the other areas, are they comparable?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I would say that they are not, but even if